

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to more clearly state the claim for priority in the Related Applications section of the referenced application. A Request For Corrected Filing Receipt For Utility Application is being filed concurrently to correct the priority data.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Specification Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3 through 21 with the below paragraph marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph.

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US99/17351, entitled Inhibitors of HIV Membrane Infusion, by Debra M. Eckert, David C. Chan, Vladimir Malashkevich, Peter A. Carr and Peter S. Kim, filed July 30, 1999, which is related to U.S. Provisional Application 60/043,280, entitled Core Structure of gp41 from the HIV Envelope Glycoprotein, by David C. Chan, Deborah Fass, Min Lu, James M. Berger and Peter S. Kim, filed April 17, 1997 and U.S. Application 09/062,241, entitled Core Structure of gp41 from the HIV Envelope Glycoprotein, by David C. Chan, Deborah Fass, Min Lu, James M. Berger and Peter S. Kim, filed April 17, 1998. The present application claims priority to PCT/US99/17351 under 35 U.S.C. §120, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/094,676, entitled Inhibitors of HIV Membrane Fusion by David C. Chan, Debra M. Ehrgott and Peter S. Kim, filed July 30, 1998; U.S. Provisional Application 60/100,265, entitled Inhibitors of HIV Membrane Fusion, by David C. Chan, Debra M. Ehrgott and Peter S. Kim, filed September 14, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application 60/101,058, entitled Inhibitors of HIV Membrane Fusion, by David C. Chan, Debra M. Ehrgott and Peter S. Kim, filed September 18, 1998; and U.S. Provisional Application 60/132,295, entitled Inhibitors of HIV Membrane Fusion, by Debra M. Ehrgott, David C. Chan, Vladimir Malashkevich and Peter S. Kim, filed May 3, 1999. The entire teachings of these referenced applications are incorporated herein by reference.